GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3157
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DEVELOPMENT OF MULTI MODAL INTERNATIONAL HUB AIRPORT AT NAGPUR
UTTAMRAO NATHUJI DHIKALE

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Maharashtra has already taken a decision to develop an airport as `Multi Modal International Hub Airport` at Nagpur for passengers and cargo;

(b) if so, whether the Government propose to declare Nagpur Airport as International Airport for passengers and cargo; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Union Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHRIPAD Y. NAIK)

(a), (b) & (c) :- The Techno-Economic feasibility report prepared by M/s L&T Ramboll Consultants Limited, Consultants of the Government of Maharashtra has been received by the Airports Authority of India (AAI). While forwarding the report, Government of Maharashtra has also requested for declaring Nagpur Airport as an International Airport, equity participation by the AAI, transfer of existing assets of Nagpur Airport to Special Purpose Vehicle etc. A mega project proposal of this nature has to be carefully scrutinised by AAI and the government from the point of view of environment, technical feasibility, financial viability etc. in the context of the overall air traffic and airport infrastructure, it is not possible to fix a time frame for this purpose.